WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Exports by Different Industrial Sectors

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified ten industrial sectors doing maximum exports from the country;

(b) if so, the names of such sectors and the year-wise amount of foreign exchange earned by them, separately, during the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(c) whether Government are making efforts to identify some more sectors having great potentiality in export; and

(d) if so, what are the names of such sectors?

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN):

(a) and (b) A table showing export performance of ten major industrial sectors of exports and year-wise value of exports of these sectors during the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 is as follows:—

Ten Major Industrial Sectors of Exports from India

(US $ Million)

S. No.	Sectors	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99*
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Gems & Jewellery	4752.7	5345.5	5904
2.	Readymade Garments	3753.3	3876.2	4444.4
3.	Cotton, yarn, fabrics, madeups, etc.	3121.7	3264.3	2773.8
4.	Basic chemicals, pharma. & cosmetics	2497.4	2821.8	2645.2

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1	2	3	4	5
5.	Machinery and instruments	1057.1	1195.7	1143.8
6.	Manufacture of metals	913.5	1023.2	1081.3
7.	Marine products	1128.9	1207.3	1038.2
8.	Leather & manufactures (excluding footwear)	1019.7	1108.4	1077.9
9.	Transport equipments	968.7	929.1	726.1
10.	Manmade textiles, made-ups, etc.	721.5	822.8	720.8

*The figures for 1998-99 are provisional. (Source: DGCI&S)

(c) and (d) The composition of world trade has been undergoing a change. Based on a detailed analysis of available data, a set of next generation export products have been identified which include medical and pharmaceutical products, iron and steel primary forms, textiles yarn, office machines, telecom equipment, passenger motor vehicles, agricultural machinery, chemical products, electronic items including toys.

Embargo on Import of Indian Shrimp

*8. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the U.S.A. Embargo on import of Shrimp from India is still in operation; and

(b) Whether the U.S.A. has implemented the decision of the Dispute Settlement body of the W.T.O. taken in the formal Session held on 6th November, 1998?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) India along with Malaysia, Thailand and Pakistan had filed a dispute against US regarding the ban imposed on imports of certain shrimps and shrimp products under section 609 of US Public Law under the provisions of Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU). The Panel decided the case in favour of India. US appealed against the Panel's findings. The Appellate Body, while ruling that section 609 was provisionally justified under Article XX of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994, observed that this measure of US has been applied in a manner which constitutes an arbitrary and